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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a small business owner living and working in a previously underserved rural area in Northern California. We are in the process of getting fiber in our area, but were thrilled for several years after Sonic brought competitive DSL to our area. We are even more thrilled with the option of fiber and all that entails.

A reliable and quick internet connection is vital in this day and age to running a business, and Sonic helped significantly when our other options were limited, more expensive, and slower. Billing solutions, website interactions, and the many many emails that are a daily part of our landscape business are much improved from years past, and keeping pricing competitive is one way to help a small business try to stay viable in an expensive area.

Our phone service was also improved with a bundled option from Sonic. Basically, we can't say enough good things about them. Do not raise prices, or reduce competition which ultimately creates a more robust and healthier environment for all involved.

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